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CINCEUR FOR POLAD; TEL AVIV FOR APO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - APRIL 14, 1978

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR APRIL 14.
FYI ONLY, OFFICER PRESENT TODAY WAS TOM RESTON.

Q. THERE WAS A PRESS REPORT TODAY IN ISRAEL THAT SAID THE
UNITED STATES IS HOLDING UP SHIPMENTS OF CLUSTER BOMBS
UNTIL SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THEIR USE IS ACHIEVED.
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DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?

A. AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING PRIOR OR CURRENT
ORDERS REQUIRING DELIVERY OF CLUSTER BOMBS TO ISRAEL. AS
TO THE FUTURE, AS WE HAVE SAID, WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING
THIS MATTER OF CLUSTER BOMBS WITH THE ISRAELIS THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. ON THE POSSIBLE TIMING OF ANY FUTURE
DELIVERIES, THAT GETS INTO OUR ONGOING MILITARY SUPPLY
RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WE DO NOT
DISCUSS PUBLICLY.

Q. YOU SAID THAT THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING ORDERS. ARE
THERE ANY PLANS, OR WERE THERE PLANS, TO DELIVER CBU'S

TO THE ISRAELIS SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, OR DISCUSSION
FOR SUCH PLANS?

A. I HAVE SAID THAT NO ORDERS CURRENTLY EXIST FOR
CLUSTER BOMBS DELIVERY, AND I HAVE NOTHING BEYOND THAT
ABOUT FUTURE POSSIBLE ORDERS.

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